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SUBJECT: MULTIFIBER TEXTILE AGREEMENT: EC REQUEST FOR US
OBSERVATIONS BEFORE GATT COUNCIL, JANUARY 28

1. THE EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR FOR TEXTILES BENEDICT MEYNELL TOLD THE MISSION ON JANUARY 24 THAT GATT DIRECTOR GENERAL LONG HAD SENT OUT AN UNNUMBERED AEROGRAM DATED JANUARY 14 GIVING AN INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 2 OF THE MULTIFIBER TEXTILE AGREEMENT. IN THE EYES OF THE EC THE INTERPRETATION IS CONTRARY TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 2. THE COMMISSION DREW THIS TO LONG'S ATTENTION BUT LONG DOES NOT ACCEPT THE EC ARGUMENT. THE COMMISSION HAS LEARNED THAT THE JAPANESE HAVE ALSO TOLD LONG THAT THEY DISAGREE WITH THE LONG INTERPRETATIONS.

2. ACCORDING TO MEYNELL, THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MATTER IS THE FOLLOWING: THE COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT THE
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PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 2 (1) OF THE AGREEMENT ARE CLEAR

AND ARE NOT AFFECTED BY ARTICLE 14. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 2 (1) THE SIXTY-DAY PERIOD FOR NOTIFICATION OF RESTRICTIONS RUNS FROM THE DATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGREEMENT AND NOT FROM JANUARY 1, 1974.

3. THE COMMISSION IS HESITATING ABOUT WHETHER TO RAISE THIS ISSUES AT THE GATT COUNCIL ON JANUARY 28. LONG DOES NOT WANT THEM TO DO SO, SINCE HE BELIEVES THAT THE MATTER IS ONE FOR THE TEXTILE GROUP. HOWEVER, THE COMMISSION IS IRRITATED THAT LONG DOES NOT WITHDRAW HIS INTERPRETATION OR AT LEAST SEND OUT A NOTICE THAT HIS INTERPRETATION HAS BEEN CONTESTED.

4. ACTION: REQUESTED: NEYNELL STATED THAT HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY COMMENTS THAT THE US MIGHT MAKE ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ISSUE OR ANY OBSERVATIONS ON THE IDEA OF THE COMMISSION'S RAISING THIS ISSUE IN THE GATT COUNCIL ON JANUARY 28.
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